Task force on quality management education

2224. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has constituted a task force in order to impart quality management education in semi-urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Task Force has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details of recommendations made by this task force; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken on those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Revamping of examination system

2225. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT has a plan for a major revamp of the examination system for classes X and XII;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether NCERT has set up a Focus Group to advise and guide it;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for its formation; and

(e) the time frame the NCERT requires to revamp the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) National Curriculum Framework (NCF) – 2005, prepared by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), has recommended review of the pattern of examination, including (i) to shift from content based testing to problem solving and competency based testing, (ii) not to have Board of State level examination at lower stages of schooling like Classes V, VII, and XI, (iii) flexibility in examination time, (iv) to conduct examination in nearby schools, (v) to conduct re-examination immediately after announcement of results, (vi) to make available guidance and counseling in schools, etc.

(c) and (d) In order to provide inputs for preparation of NCF-2005, NCERT had constituted 21 Focus Groups on different subject areas to prepare position papers. A Focus Group was constituted in the subject area of 'Examination Reforms'. The group had 15 members including educationists and teachers.

(e) It is for the Examination Boards in the country to take steps on examination reforms based on the recommendations of NCF-2005. NCERT has organized a number of orientation and training programmes for the Boards regarding examination reforms. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has already taken several steps for examination reforms recommended by NCF-2005.

Establishment of a Central University in Goa

2226. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: